

# TAPESTRY FOR TOMORROW



How do you show the idea of “Building a Better Tomorrow” in a work of art or a photograph? That is the challenge for the 2010 Tapestry for Tomorrow art competition. If you are a member of any Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services or Fairfax County Public School Middle School After School Program, you are eligible to participate in this contest. If you are not a member, it is never too late to become one. Registration for the contest is free. Everyone who enters will receive a Tapestry for Tomorrow t-shirt and certificate. Five prizes valued up to \$500 will be awarded to those who best capture the concept of “Building a Better Tomorrow”. For entry packet and details, visit our web site at

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec). If you have additional questions, please call 703-324-8336, TTY 711. Entries are to be dropped off at the sites listed on the back of the entry form.

**The deadline for entries is March 12, 2010.**

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# **Tapestry for Tomorrow**

## **BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW**

### **Contest**

Self exploration and appreciation for the arts is the goal of the Tapestry for Tomorrow. Although the Tapestry for Tomorrow program recognizes those entries that best interpret the theme “Building a Better Tomorrow”, winning is not the main emphasis. Participation in the competition is a great way for individuals to explore and learn about various art forms. Creating art is a valuable learning process that challenges anyone to use their critical thinking skills, as well as their creative talents to create art that supports a specific theme.

### **Eligibility**

This competition is for all ages—Kindergarten to ages 55 or older. Any person who is a resident of Fairfax County, and a registered participant at one of the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services’ programs or the Fairfax County Public Schools Middle School After School Program may enter. If you are not a member, it’s never too late to join. Artwork will be judged by the appropriate developmental age and skill levels. The following are the judging categories:

- Elementary School – Grades K-5 (ages 5-10)
- Middle School - Grades 6-8 (ages 11-13)
- High School - Grades 9-12 (ages 14-19)
- Adults (ages 20-54)
- Senior Adults (ages 55+)

### **Art Areas**

Photography

Two Dimensional Art

### **Rules**

All artwork must have a copy of the entry form attached to the back of the artwork. Artwork must be delivered to a location listed on the back of the entry form.

### **Awards**

Individuals entering artwork in the Tapestry for Tomorrow will receive a t-shirt and certificate. The artwork will be on display in the lower level of the Fairfax County Government Center for the month of April. The five entries chosen as the best representation of “Building a Better Tomorrow” will receive a prize with a value of up to \$500.

### **Recognition Ceremony and Reception -**

An Art Show and Recognition ceremony to announce the winners of the competition will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va. Artists and their families are invited to attend. This event is free.

## 2010 Tapestry General Contest Rules

Tapestry for Tomorrow encourages creativity, exploration and individual expression. In creating and submitting artwork, individuals must adhere to the general participation rules.

### Originality

Each entry must be the original work of only one person. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize individual creativity, help from any other individual or collaboration with another person is prohibited. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, including the use of copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material. *Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person's ideas, writings, or inventions as one's own.* Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. All entries must be original works and must relate to the theme. Assistance from teachers, parents or friends is not permitted. Tapestry for Tomorrow encourages creativity, exploration and individual expression.

### Tapestry for Tomorrow Entry Form

All participants **MUST** complete and sign an entry form. Each participant is required to submit an artist statement to describe how his or her piece relates to the theme. There is no required length, but the artist statement is mandatory. If the entry form is incomplete, you will be disqualified. In situations where the participant cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent/guardian may sign for the person.

### Submitting Artwork

Artwork will only be accepted at the specified locations. Each piece of art must have a completed entry form attached to the back of the artwork.

### Judging

Judging will be performed by a panel selected by CRS staff. All entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme. Due to the diversity of photographic processes and treatments, the interpretation of the theme is the most important element in judging.

### Presentation

Entries, including matting, may not exceed 11 by 14 inches. It is recommended that your artwork be protected by covering it with clear plastic wrap. All entries must be:

- Submitted on paper or other two-dimensional materials.
- Mounted on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- Submitted with a completed and signed entry form attached to the back. The best method is to place the entry form in a sheet protector and tape it with masking tape to the back of the artwork on top of any protective covering.

### Required Information

On the entry form, give the dimensions of the artwork and describe the process used in preparing the piece.

### Required Artist Statement

On the entry form, describe what inspired you to create this work and how it relates to the theme. This is required for all categories.

## **Photograph Rules**

### **Description**

A photography entry must be an original black and white or color image, or a group of images, produced by a photographic process. The entry must relate to the theme of "Building a Better Tomorrow". The entry may incorporate such techniques as montage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches, and photograms. Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally. The images may be created using various lenses, filters, and light sources. Whether an entry is composed of a variety of techniques or uses a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the photographer uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

### **Works Not Accepted**

Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork.

## **Two-Dimensional Art Rules**

### **Description**

A two-dimensional art entry must be an original drawing, painting, collage, metal etching work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork that relates to the current theme. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

### **Presentation**

All art must be flat and about 3/8 inch thick. This includes all two-dimensional materials and images, including small, flat items such as string, contact with the face of the image. Nothing three dimensional should be used in your artwork. For example noodles, beans, beads, boxes should not be used. They may extend off the surface of a piece.

- Submit entries on paper, canvas board, hot or cold pressboard, or canvas.
- Mount all paper or canvas entries on sturdy cardboard mats, but not in wooden, metal, plastic, or glass frames.
- Lamination is discouraged because it can permanently damage the surface of the artwork.

### **Work Not Accepted**

- Sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and other three dimensional artwork.
- Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork.

### **Required Information**

On the entry form, give the dimensions of the piece and describe the medium such as crayons, oil on canvas, etc.

**Turn your artwork into one of the locations listed on the back of the entry form.**

**Deadline for submission of artwork is March 12, 2010.**

## Tapestry for Tomorrow 2010 Entry Form

Please print clearly. Completely fill out the form and include all signatures. Use the back of this form if you need more space.

Name

Home Address

Phone Number

email address

Age

CRS Program/Facility

### Categories (check one)

- ☐ K-8 (ages 5-10)
- ☐ Middle School (ages 11 - 13)
- ☐ High School (ages 14 - 19)
- ☐ Adult (ages 20 - 54)
- ☐ Senior Adults (ages 55+)

### Art Category (Check one)

- ☐ Photograph
- ☐ Two-Dimensional Art

### Title of Artwork

How does your work connect to the theme "Building a Better Tomorrow"?

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I certify that the information in this entry form is correct and my artwork is original. I give my permission to post my artwork on the agency's web site and to use my artwork to promote the agency's programs and services.

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Signature

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Date

# **DROP-OFF SITES FOR TAPESTRY FOR TOMORROW ARTWORK**

## **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

**Bailey's Community Center**, 5920 Summers Lane, Falls Church, VA - **Phone:** 703-931-7027

**Gum Springs Community Center**, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-360-6088

**Huntington Community Center**, 5751 Liberty Drive, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-960-1917

**James Lee Community Center**, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA - **Phone:** 703-534-3387

**Mott Community Center**, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA - **Phone:** 703-278-8605

**David R. Pinn Community Center**, 10225 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA - **Phone:** 703-250-9181

**Sacramento Neighborhood Center**, 8792-E Sacramento Drive, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-619-2964

**Southgate Community Center**, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston, VA - **Phone:** 703-860-0676

**Willston Multicultural Center**, 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA - **Phone:** 703-536-8943

## **SENIOR CENTERS**

**Bailey's Senior Center**, 5920 Summers Lane, Falls Church, VA 22041 – **Phone:** 703-820-2131

**Groveton Senior Center**, 8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 325, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-704-6216

**Herndon Senior Center**, 873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA - **Phone:** 703-464-6200

**Hollin Hall Senior Center**, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-765-4573

**James Lee Senior Center**, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22041 – **Phone:** 703-534-3387 ext. 217

**Kingstowne Center for Active Adults**, 6488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-550-0134

**Lewinsville Senior Center**, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean, VA - **Phone:** 703-442-9075

**Lincolnia Senior Center**, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria, VA - **Phone:** 703-914-0223

**Little River Glen Senior Center**, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA - **Phone:** 703-503-8703

**Lorton Senior Center**, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton, VA - **Phone:** 703-550-7195

**Pimmit Hills Senior Center**, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church, VA - **Phone:** 703-734-3338

**Sully Senior Center**, 5690 Sully Road, Centreville, VA - **Phone:** 703-322-4475

**Wakefield Senior Center**, Audrey Moore RECenter, 8100 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA - **Phone:** 703-321-3000

## **TEEN CENTERS**

**Hideaway Teen Center**, South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Room 309, Alexandria, VA  
**Phone:** 703-704-6234

**Chill Spot**, James Lee Teen Center, James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Rd., Falls Church, VA  
**Phone:** 703-534-3387 ext. 207

**Mott Teen Center**, Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA – **Phone** – 703-278-8605

**Reston Teen Center**, 12196 Sunset Hills Dr., Reston, VA - **Phone:** 703-326-7040

*Note: For deaf and hearing impaired individuals dial 711 Virginia Relay for the numbers listed above.*